

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

PROMESA

Title III

No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

Re: ECF Nos. 15379, 15385

(Jointly Administered)

URGENT CONSENTED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF DEADLINES

To the Honorable United States District Judge Laura Taylor Swain:

The Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority (“AAFAF”), on behalf of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the “Debtor”), pursuant to the authority granted to it under the *Enabling Act of the Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority*, Act 2-2017, respectfully submits this urgent consented motion for entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “Proposed Order”), extending the deadlines set forth in *Order Scheduling Briefing of Renewed Request For Lift Stay* (the “Scheduling Order”) [ECF No. 15385].²

¹ The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor’s respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3283- LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation (“COFINA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority (“HTA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (“ERS”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (“PREPA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17- BK-4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority (“PBA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5233-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801) (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations).

² The Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, as the Debtor’s representative pursuant to section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* (“PROMESA”), has authorized AAFAF to file this Urgent Motion on behalf of the Debtor.

Request for Relief

1. On December 8, 2020, Josefina Guinot Meléndez (“Movant”), filed a *Renewed Request For Lift of Stay* [ECF No. 15385] (the “Motion”), requesting that the Court enter an order lifting the automatic stay in appeal proceeding no. 2001-07-54 (the “Prepetition Action”) before the Appellate Commission for Public Service (“CASP” for its acronym in Spanish). Movant requests an order directing the CASP to issue a final resolution in the Prepetition Action within a period of two months of entry of judgment of the Motion. *Motion* at p. 3. Movant further requests an order denying the disallowance of Movant’s claim filed in connection with the Prepetition Action. *Id*

2. On December 8, 2020, the Court entered the Scheduling Order which provides that oppositions to the Motion must be filed by December 22, 2020 and Movant’s reply by December 29, 2020 [ECF No. 15385].

3. While the Debtor has been working diligently to gather the required documents to analyze the allegations raised in the Motion, the Debtor needs additional time to receive and review the information to respond to the same, and to evaluate whether a consensual resolution is possible in connection with this matter.

4. Accordingly, the Debtor, with Movant’s consent, proposes the following extensions of the deadlines:

- The deadline to respond to the Motion shall be extended to **January 4, 2020**.
- The deadline for Movant to file a reply to an opposition, if any, shall be extended to **January 11, 2020**.
- Unless otherwise agreed by the Debtor and Movant or determined by the Court, the Motion shall be heard at the Omnibus Hearing scheduled for **January 27, 2021**.

5. Pursuant to Paragraph I.H of the *Thirteenth Amended Notice, Case Management and Administrative Procedures* [ECF No. 13512-1] (the “Case Management Procedures”), the Debtor hereby certifies that it has carefully examined the matter and concluded that there is a true need for an urgent motion; it has not created the urgency through any lack of due diligence; has made a bona fide effort to resolve the matter without a hearing; has made reasonable, good-faith communications in an effort to resolve or narrow the issues that are being brought to the Court, and no party opposes the relief requested herein.

Notice

6. The Debtor has provided notice of this motion in accordance with the Case Management Procedures to the following parties: (a) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Puerto Rico; (b) the indenture trustees and/or agents, as applicable, for the Debtors’ bonds; (c) the entities on the list of creditors holding the 20 largest unsecured claims against COFINA; (d) counsel to the statutory committees appointed in these Title III cases; (e) the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico; (f) counsel to the Oversight Board; (g) the Puerto Rico Department of Justice; (h) the Other Interested Parties;³ (i) all parties filing a notice of appearance in these Title III cases; and (j) Movant. A copy of the motion is also available on the Debtors’ case website at <https://cases.primeclerk.com/puertorico/>.

7. The Debtor submits that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

³ The “Other Interested Parties” include the following: (i) counsel to certain of the insurers and trustees of the bonds issued or guaranteed by the Debtors; and (ii) counsel to certain ad hoc groups of holders of bonds issued or guaranteed by the Debtors.

WHEREFORE, the Debtor requests the Court enter the Proposed Order and grant such other relief as is just and proper.

Dated: December 22, 2020
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

Proposed Order